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Application Number	09/575,845
Filing Date	May 19, 2000
First Named Inventor	Connie D. Myers
Art Unit	3622
Examiner Name	Jean D. Janvier
Attorney Docket No.	680047.402

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- ☒ Fee Attached
- ☒ Amendment/Response
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Applicant Initiated Interview
Request Form

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Individual Name	Ellen M. Bierman Reg. No. 38,079	Customer Number 00500
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Signature	<i>Ellen M. Bierman</i>
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Date	June 8, 2004
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
57	62** = 0	9	
Independent Claims 12	-12** = 0	43	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1840*	1805	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	165
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1510	1451	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 165

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request FormApplication No.: 09/575,845First Named Applicant: Connie D. MyersExaminer: Jean D. JanvierArt Unit: 3622Status of Application: Pending**Tentative Participants:**(1) Ellen M. Bierman(2) SPE Eric W. Stamber(3) Examiner Jean D. Janvier

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Proposed Date of Interview: TBDProposed Time: after 10 am PST (AM/PM)**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

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Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>102 Rejection</u>	<u>1-62</u>	<u>Barnett et al.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>101 Rejection</u>	<u>15-17, 37-41, and 47-51</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>Adequacy of Examination</u>	<u>1-46, 47- 62</u>	<u>Barnett et al.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**Rejections of claims 1-62 and Applicant's arguments in support of allowance over Barnett et al.Subject Matter rejection of claims 15-17, 37-41, and 47-51 and Applicant's arguments in support of statutory subject matter.Examiner did not apply prior art to claims 1-46 at all in the first office action, and proceeded to issue a final rejection in the second office action, thereby precluding Applicant from a proper examination on the merits for applicant's application fee. Examiner has issued a final rejection without any examination of several limitations of the claims, including, for example, the enticement/giveaway aspects of claims 6-14, 23-31, and 45-46.An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on TBD.Ellen M. Bierman

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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